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To Whom It May Concern:

Woodbury County would like to offer our support for the designation of proposed U.S. Bicycle Route 55 (USBR 55) through our community. We recognize that bicycle tourism is a growing industry in the U.S., contributing \$83 billion a year to the economies of communities that provide facilities for such tourists.

As a community, we stand to benefit from this opportunity both economically and from the health and environmental related benefits of encouraging bicycle travel in our region.

The U.S. Bicycle Route System is a bicycle-based transportation system sponsored by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

Woodbury County has a population of 102,429 people.

The proposed route for USBR 55 will provide a benefit to our residents and businesses and we endorse having the route mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in our area. Therefore, Woodbury County hereby expresses its support for USBR 55, and requests that the appropriate officials nominate the route for AASHTO designation as soon as this can be achieved.

Sincerely,

Keith Radig

Chairman, Woodbury County